

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Chilkat Indian Village IRA****Project Title:**

Chilkat Indian Village IRA - ANS Community Hall Renovation

State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000**House District: 5 - C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding would make the community hall more fuel efficient by installing double pane glass, upgrading the heating system, and adjusting the doors to fill gaps that allow cold air inside.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$25,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Alaska Native Sisterhood halls have been institutions in this state for more than 60 years. They have long been the backbone for many rural communities supporting various community activities and events. The ANS Halls serve as the triage centers for rural communities in Southeast Alaska. Anytime there is an important event in our communities it is held in these buildings. They host funerals, weddings, workshops, fundraisers for families in need, conventions, and many other events throughout the year. These buildings are a crucial part of any community where they exist.

The ANS Hall in Klukwan needs to become more fuel efficient. The high cost of fuel is making it nearly prohibitive to use the hall in the winter. To save fuel, the heat is turned down or off and when the hall is used it takes hours to heat up. The heater has to work overtime to compensate for heat loss through the single pane windows and large gaps between the doors and the doorframes.

Klukwan is one of the original Tlingit settlements in Southeast Alaska and is a place of congregation for people from all over Southeast Alaska. The ANS Hall is used frequently and these upgrades are needed before another winter is upon us.

Project Timeline:

Funding will be secured in the summer of 2008 with repairs beginning immediately.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Klukwan

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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April 15, 2007

The Honorable William A. Thomas
State Capitol, Room 428
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
907-465-3732

Re: Klukwan ANS Hall Renovation

Via fax: (907) 465-2652

Dear Representative Thomas

On behalf of Klukwan, Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), I write this letter requesting some funding to renovate our ANS Hall. The ANS Hall is our village's main community gathering place for: public meetings, funerals, potlatches, forty day parties, Christmas Parties, Easter Brunch, University Extension Classes, basically any thing that goes on publicly in our community happens at our hall.

We offer the use of the ANS Hall at a minimal price to our village members. We generally do not charge for Funeral Services as most people in our Village are ANS and ANB members. We raise most of our funds for keeping up the maintenance of the Hall by old fashion fundraising in the spirit of the ANS as well as renting the up stairs office space when we can.

Small fundraising events used to go a long ways in the past but with the rising cost of utilities we have not been able to keep up with our maintenance needs. The furnace needs to be replaced as it does not work efficiently. The cost to heat the building during winter months has skyrocketed. For the month of January our Heating bill was \$2,684.00. Our light bill was \$226.00 (and that was with minimal use).

What we would like to do is make our Hall more energy efficient by replacing some windows with double pane glass and change the heating system. The doors need adjusting so we do not see day light under them.

Representative Thomas, we would appreciate any help you could give us in our efforts to repair our ANS hall, so we can continue to provide our community a safe and warm place to meet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Joanne Elsie Spud

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ANS President

Cc: Albert Kookesh, Senator

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February 11, 2008

The Honorable Albert Kookesh, Senator
State Capital, Room 11
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Funding Request: Community Hall – Emergency Readiness Center

Dear Senator Kookesh,

On behalf of Klukwan, Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), I write this letter requesting fifty thousand dollars in funding to make our ANS Community Hall more energy efficient. The ANS Hall is our village's community gathering center for: In the event of a Natural Disaster the community hall will be used as a emergency shelter and gathering place; as well as: public meetings, funerals, potlatches, forty day parties, Christmas parties, Easter Brunch, University Extension Classes, and home to the Jilkaat Tlingit Language Program; basically the hall is used for any thing that goes on publicly in our community.

We raise most of our funds for keeping up the maintenance of the Hall by old fashion fundraising in the spirit of the ANS as well as renting the up stairs office space when we can. Three months of rent does not pay for one month of heating fuel charges during the winter months hence our need to upgrade our energy efficiency.

Small fundraising events used to go a long way in the past but, with the rising cost of utilities we have not been able to keep up with our maintenance needs. The furnace needs to be replaced as it does not work efficiently. The cost to heat the building during winter months has skyrocketed. For the month of January our Heating bill was \$2,160.00. Our light bill was \$226.00 (and that was with minimal use).

What we would like to do is make our Hall more energy efficient by replacing windows with double pane glass and replace the heating system with a more energy efficient system. The doors need adjusting and or replacing. These much needed changes will allow us to continue our public service to our community.

Senator Kookesh, we would appreciate any help you could give us in our efforts to make our community hall more energy efficient.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Joanne Elsie Spud
ANS President

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